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TOKYO FOR TEXTILE TEAM, GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, HK, JA

SUBJECT: HONG KONG REQUEST FOR SHIPMENT OUTSIDE BILATERAL  
AGREEMENT

REF: HONG KONG 10321, 10467

1. EHMANN PHONED LOU POWELL OF ALEXANDERS' ON AUGUST 30  
TO ASK WHY, IN LIGHT OF AUGUST 23 CONVERSATION BETWEEN  
POWELL AND EHMANN, HONG KONG WAS STILL MAKING THEIR  
REQUEST.

2. AS POWELL WAS NOT AVAILABLE, EHMANN SPOKE WITH HIS  
SECOND IN COMMAND, AND TOLD HIM THAT, IN AUGUST 23 PHONE  
CALL, POWELL WAS INFORMED USG HAD EXAMINED PROBLEM FROM  
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EVERY CONCEIVABLE DIRECTION AND THERE WAS NO WAY TO BE  
OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. IN SAME CONVERSATION, POWELL  
HAD INDICATED HE COULD GET BY USING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES  
PLUS THOSE HONG KONG GOODS THAT DID GET EA'S.

3. ALL OF THE ABOVE WAS "NEWS" TO SECOND IN COMMAND.  
EHMANN OFFERED TO TALK WITH POWELL AGAIN IF HE MAD ANY

MORE QUESTIONS, HOWEVER THE NEGATIVE ANSWER MUST STAND.

4. COMMENT. IT IS NOT TOTALLY CLEAR BUT THERE WAS SOME INDICATION IN THE EHmann AUGUST 30 CONVERSATION THAT THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN NEW YORK IS INVOLVED IN SOME WAY. CHRISTOPHER

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